withdrawn from hazardous works. Grants are also released directly to Voluntary Agencies on the recommendations of the State Governments under the Grant-in-Aid Scheme for taking up action-oriented projects for the working children, where NCLP is not in existence.

Funds for hundred days work scheme

1724. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is no allocation of funds for hundred days work scheme in a poor household;

(b) the manner in which the assurance would be met without fund for it; and

(c) the measures proposed for quick implementation of the programme?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) to (c) The work on drafting a Bill for National Employment Guarantee Act to provide 100 days of employment to one member of a poor household has begun. Necessary funds would be provided by Central/State Governments as per the requirement. In the meantime, Food for Work programme in 150 most backward districts has been announced in the Budget for the current year.

Job placement

1725. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the latest release of the employment generation figures show that over 4.14 crore Indians still await job placement;

(b) if so, whether Ministry's report quoting employment exchange statistics, shows that there has been an increase in notified vacancies for jobs both at Central and State levels from 2.2 lakh in 2002 to 2.6 lakh in 2003;